

IN THE CLAIMS:

A complete listing of the claims and their status as of this Amendment is as follows:

1.(currently amended) A filter plate having improved wear-resistance, comprising:  
a filter plate having opposing recessed faces providing a surface for movement of fluid therewith, a feed port and passageway for the egress of filtrate from said filter plate; and  
replaceable wear elements positioned on along said surface of at least one said recessed face of said filter plate and in proximity to said passageway and providing to provide at least one filtrate opening and channel to direct for directing filtrate flow from said filter plate.

2.(currently amended) The filter plate of claim 1 wherein said replaceable wear elements further comprise:  
~~at least one replaceable wear plate attached to said filter plate positioned along said at least one said opposing recessed face;~~  
at least one filtrate opening formed through said replaceable wear plate; and  
a replaceable filtrate channel insert having at least one opening formed therethrough for alignment with said at least one filtrate opening to provide fluid communication between said at least one wear plate and said filtrate channel insert.

3.(original) The filter plate of claim 2 further comprising a replaceable filtrate outlet insert positioned to be in fluid communication with said filtrate channel insert to redirect the direction of flow of filtrate from said filter plate.

4.(original) The filter plate of claim 2 wherein said filtrate channel insert

comprises an inner layer of wear-resistant material and an outer layer of wear-resistant material, said material of said inner layer being more wear-resistant than said material of said outer layer.

5.(original) The filter plate of claim 3 wherein said filtrate outlet insert comprises an inner layer of wear-resistant material and an outer layer of wear-resistant material, said material of said inner layer being more wear-resistant than said material of said outer layer.

6.(original) The filter plate of claim 1 wherein said wear elements are made of material more wear-resistant than said filter plate.

Claims 7-19 (withdrawn)